

# Sunday ~ January 28, 2024

To all who are weary
and need rest
To all who are friendless
and desire friendship
To all who believe in God
and wish to worship Him
To all who are grateful
and would give thanks
To all who hunger for prayer
and wish to pray
To all who know sin
and need the Saviour

Grace Episcopal Church opens wide its doors and in the Name of the Lord Jesus bids Welcome.

#### WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopalians are followers of Jesus Christ. We say that God was uniquely present in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. One word we use to describe this belief is that God was "incarnate" in Jesus, that is, God's own self was present in Jesus' very body. Following his death, his disciples found that Christ still lived in their midst. Thus, they found themselves connected to God as they discovered themselves to be part of Christ's resurrected body. And that is still the case today. We Episcopalians say that human beings are united to God through Christ.

We take that relationship seriously. When we worship we are called to see the risen Christ in the persons around us. In our daily lives we are called to see the risen Christ in family, acquaintances, and co-workers. Ultimately, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Our church is not a community of like-minded people. We do not exist for ourselves alone. Instead, we are a people set apart to be the personal presence and witness of God to the world. We struggle with many issues and we disagree with one another, but we still gather each week to hear the story of God's love for us, to ask forgiveness from one another and God, and to offer our lives up to God.

In our teaching, we learn the grace to live with questions that cannot be answered with certainty. In our worship we are nourished for life's journey. In our faith we trust that God is working through every one of us, and that one day God's very self will be evident in all creation. This is the good news that we proclaim, and we believe that it is the good news that leads us to lives of peace, self control, and hope for the future. We invite everyone to join us in that journey.

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Breakfast & Christian Formation 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

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#### \* THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST \*

According to Rite Two of The Book of Common Prayer (Pg. 355)

# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m. Service

#### \* The Liturgy of the Word \*

**The Prelude:** Hymn-tune prelude on "Schmücke dich" by Georg Philipp Telemann

#### ❖ Please stand ❖

Hymn 569: "God the Omnipotent!"





Words: ss. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; ss. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Music: Russia, Alexis Lvov (1799-1870)

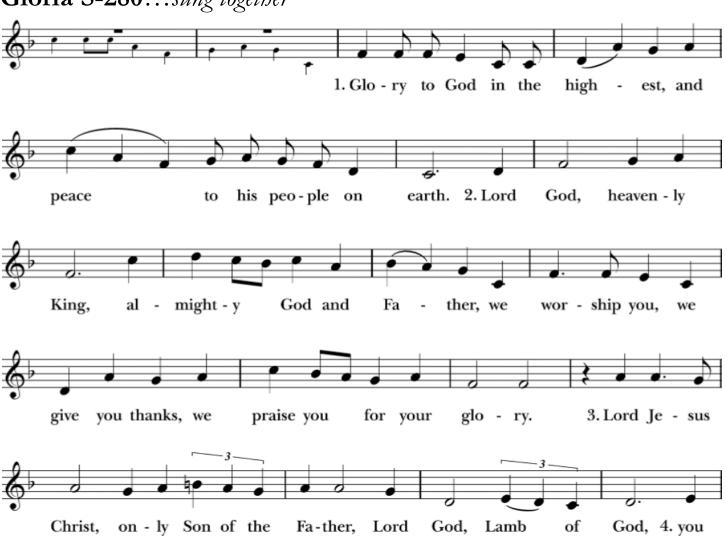
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

#### Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Gloria S-280...sung together





# Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

\* Please be seated for the readings \*

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 111 Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \* in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \* they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \* and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \* the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \* he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \* in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \* all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

- because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \* holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \* those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

# Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

\* All stand for the Hymn and Gospel reading \*

Hymn 536: "Open your ears, O faithful people"



Words: Willard F Jabusch (b.1930), alt.

Music: Torah Song (Yisrael V'oraita), Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx, (1937-2010)

#### **Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:21-28

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

The Rev. Stanley McKinnon

❖ Please stand ❖

#### Nicene Creed

(BCP Pg. 358)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* Please stand or kneel for the Prayers of the People \*

## Prayers of the People

Epiphany 4, Year B

Presider

Good and Holy God, in Jesus you have freed us for love and rebuked everything that may threaten us: Let the teaching of your Good News be spread abroad with authority, that all creation may be reconciled, as we pray: We thank you God with our whole heart; for you are gracious and full of compassion.

#### Leader

Loving God, raise up for your Church prophets like Moses who will speak everything you command, that we may heed your teaching and be an example of goodness for our neighbors.

We thank you God with our whole heart;

People for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Eternal One, rescue our leaders and all in authority from the knowledge that puffs up, and fill them with your love which builds up, that they may accomplish your good works with faithfulness and justice.

We thank you God with our whole heart;

People for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Compassionate One, uphold the weak throughout the earth and free the consciences of all people through your love.

We thank you God with our whole heart;

People for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Gracious One, rebuke in us whatever spirit is unclean, that we may teach and live your gospel of love and spread your fame throughout surrounding region.

We thank you God with our whole heart;

People for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Receive our prayers which we offer for all who need you, especially for those we name silently or aloud.

Hear our gratefulness for all goodness and joy, especially for those we name silently or aloud.

Bring into the fullness of your life those who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud.

Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart;

People for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Presider

We offer our prayers to God the Father, from whom are all things, and for whom we exist, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we exist, in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, who lives and loves forever. **Amen.** 

#### **Confession of Sin**

(Pg. 360)

Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

#### Presider and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

\*The members of the community greet one another in peace and then sit for announcements. \*

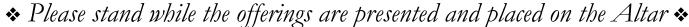
#### \* THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION \*

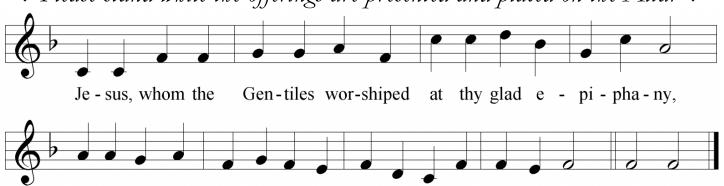
Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

\* You may give from your seat by texting "GRACESILOAM" to 73256 \*

# Anthem at the Offertory

The text is that of Hymn 7. The music is by David Halls.



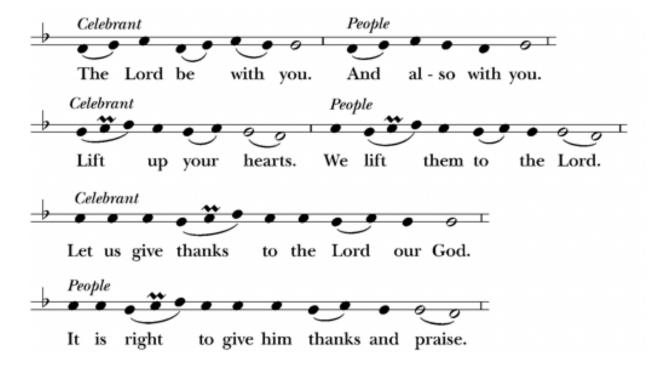


un-to thee with God the Fa-ther and the Spi-rit, glo-ry be. A-men.

\* Please remain standing \*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (Pg. 361)



#### The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus S-125 sung together...



Setting: from A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

#### ❖ Please stand or kneel ❖

#### The Presider continues

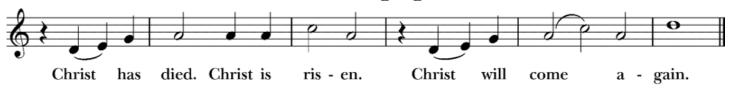
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Memorial Acclamation S-135 sung together...



Setting: Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

# The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

a period of silence is kept, followed by...

Fraction Anthem S-155 sung altogether...



Setting: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

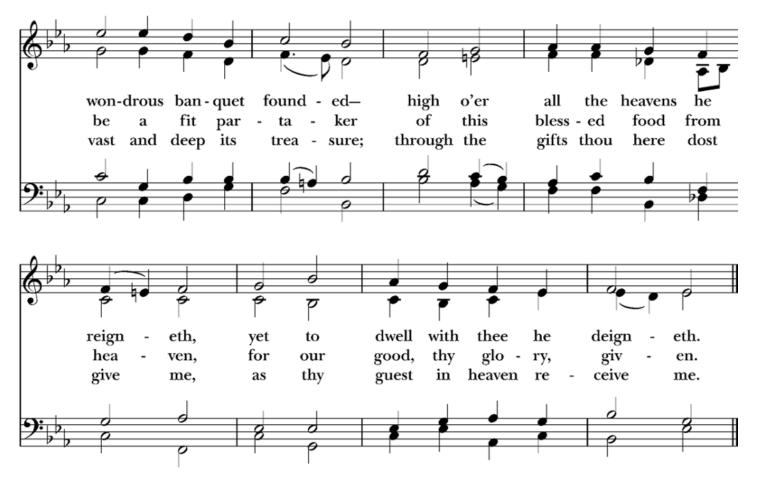
# The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

\* To receive Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand, filling in the altar rail from either the far right to the center, or the center to the left. If preferred, you may request a gluten free wafer when receiving Communion; simply hold one hand turned over. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest. If you receive the chalice, please assist by guiding the chalice to your mouth. Once you have received, you may exit to the side and return to your pew. \*







Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

\* Please stand or kneel for the Postcommunion Prayer \*

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

(Pg. 366)

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

Go forth as prophets to manifest the great deeds of our glorious God who is gracious and full of compassion. Be faithful servants of Jesus, the Holy One of God, who casts out all that is unclean within you and fills you with his love and peace. Let the power and authority of the Holy Spirit dwell with you, that you may bring healing and wisdom to the world. And the blessing of our infinite God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and empower you, now and forever. **Amen.** 

\* Please stand for the closing Hymn \*

Hymn 567: "Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old" 1 Thine  $\mathbf{o}$ of arm, Lord, indays old was strong to health, gave lo! life And thy touch brought and hear - ing, Be thou de liv our great erer still, thou Lord heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death, strength, and re - newed and fren calmed sight; and youth zy quick - en, soothe life and death; re - store and and bless, grave. they o'er dark - ness and the thee the To went, thee, the Lord of light: and now,  $\mathbf{o}$ be owned Lord, with thine al might breath: to hands that and y work - sied, blind, the deaf, the the lame, lep - er pal and the near al - might - y to bless, as of yore, in crowd - ed wis - dom's heaven - ly eyes that see, give lore, that whole and with and shunned, the sick fe - vered set a part frame. Gen - nes - aret's street, by rest less couch, as by shore. thee and strong, may praise more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.

Music: St. Matthew, from Supplement to the New Version of Psalms by Dr. Brady and Mr.

*Tate*, 1708

## The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: Allegro Maestoso in D by G.F. Handel

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If you are a visitor to Grace Episcopal Church, we welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by filling out the visitor card in the pew and placing it in the collection plate or handing it to an usher.

We also invite you to sign the guest register before leaving.

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for wonderful community that is Grace Church. For all we have done together in 2023 and the promise of deeper connection with each other and our Creator in 2024.

#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

January	30	Ben Rhoads
February	2	Pax Franco
	2	Elizabeth Hall
	2	Jeremy Weathers

#### \* Prayers of the People \*

Nancy; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; anonymous; Gretchen's family; Father John; Cathleen; Jeff; Ayden; Kristin; Nancy; our seminarian, Andy; Bishop Harmon

For the air, water, land, plants, animals, and people suffering from natural disasters around the globe; for those suffering from violence at the hands of others; for the healthcare system and all those serving their communities.

# \* Announcements & Schedule \*

THE NEW ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR is hanging in the Parish Hall. If you would like to designate the altar flowers to honor or remember a friend or loved one, the suggested donation is \$40.

THE WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE will continue Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

THE GRACE ANNUAL MEETING will be immediately following the service. Please join us for brunch and come learn about Grace in 2023, and what we are looking forward to in 2024!

shrove Tuesday is fast approaching! If you would like to volunteer to help please see the sign up sheet in the parish hall. We will need volunteers throughout the day on Tuesday, February 13th.

Ash wednesday is February 14th. We will be offering Ashes-To-Go as well as have Eucharist Wednesday evening. Please watch for more details coming soon!

A MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP will begin meeting the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m. in the back of the Great Hall. This group is open to anyone who wants to create or deepen a personal spiritual practice. Meetings will include instruction through stories and poetry, a practice period, and a time to learn from one another. ALL are welcome! See Laurie McKinnon if you have questions, or text 479.238.3259.